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Meetings are held each month.

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## Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities



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## Our Services

- Coordination of ADA Title II compliance for City of Boston events, programs and services
- Management of the City's Disabled Parking Program for neighborhood residents
- Information & Referral on disability issues, programs, benefits and services
- Building Plan Review and Technical Assistance for code compliance questions about architectural access
- Training on a variety of disability topics for City Departments, community groups, residents, non-profit agencies, private businesses and developers
- Systemic Advocacy within City government related to issues of importance identified by Boston's disability community

## Our Mission

The Mayor's Commission for Persons with Disabilities works to increase opportunities for people with disabilities in the City of Boston by facilitating full and equal participation in all aspects of life.

This includes reducing architectural, procedural, attitudinal, and communication barriers as well as promoting accessibility in the areas of pedestrian access, housing, education, employment, transportation, civic activities, and the built environment.

The Commission works with City Departments, neighborhood residents, community groups, disability advocates, agencies, non-profit organizations, private businesses and developers to ensure that accessibility and inclusion remain a top priority in the City of Boston.

## Our Initiatives

- ADA Celebration Day, held each July on City Hall Plaza in honor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a 1990 civil rights law that protects people with disabilities from discrimination
- Disability Mentoring Day (DMD), a national initiative held annually in October to promote employment of people with disabilities
- Open Community Forum, hosted by the Advisory Board in City Hall every year to address concerns of the disability community
- Disability News & View, a monthly TV Show about disability news and issues
- Disability Reframed Film Series, held bi-monthly, featuring a movie with a disability theme followed by a discussion group